

pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 484(o); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1627. A letter from the Director, Office of White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1628. A letter from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1629. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Annual Program Performance Report for FY 2002; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1630. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the semi-annual report on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1631. A letter from the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, transmitting information concerning GAO employees who were assigned to congressional committees as of January 21, 2003; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1632. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Seasonal Area Closure to Trawl, Pot, and Hook-and-Line Fishing in Waters off Cape Sarichef [Docket No. 03114012-3046-02; I.D. 121902F] (RIN: 0648-AQ46) received March 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1633. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery; Commercial Haddock Harvest [Docket No. 000407096-01; I.D. 031003B] received March 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1634. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the 2002 report on the Apportionment of Membership on the Regional Fishery Management Councils pursuant to section 302 (b)(2)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; to the Committee on Resources.

1635. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 021122286-3036-02; I.D. 030703A] received March 31, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1636. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Constructive Sales Treatment for Appreciated Financial Positions—received March 18, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1637. A letter from the Chairman, MedPac, transmitting the Commission's preliminary comments on the Department of Health and Human Services per diem prospective system for inpatient psychiatric facility care; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 168. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 743) to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, and for other purposes (Rept. 108-54). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. MICA, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. DEFAZIO):

H.R. 1527. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2003 through 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PORTMAN:

H.R. 1528. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

H.R. 1529. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code with respect to the dismissal of certain involuntary cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NUSSLE (for himself, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. GRAVES, and Mr. PAUL):

H.R. 1530. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the exemption from tax for small property and casualty insurance companies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCCRERY:

H.R. 1531. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance energy conservation and to provide for reliability and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. TANCREDO, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 1532. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen enforcement of provisions relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself and Mr. FORD):

H.R. 1533. A bill to amend the securities laws to permit church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. STARK, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. MCDERMOTT):

H.R. 1534. A bill to improve the ability of the child welfare system to prevent and respond to child abuse and place children in safe, loving, and permanent homes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENGLISH:

H.R. 1535. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the mid-quarter convention for depreciable property; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HERGER (for himself, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. CRANE, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. SAM

JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. HOUGHTON, and Mr. FOLEY):

H.R. 1536. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat distributions from publicly traded partnerships as qualifying income of regulated investment companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JOHN:

H.R. 1537. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify that restrictions on baiting of migratory game birds do not prohibit the taking of a migratory game bird on or over manipulated re-growth of a harvested rice crop; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. STEARNS):

H.R. 1538. A bill to posthumously award congressional gold medals to government workers and others who responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and perished and to people aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who helped resist the hijackers and caused the plane to crash, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Spirit of America, recognizing the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KLECZKA (for himself and Mr. STARK):

H.R. 1539. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit the hospital ownership exception to physician self-referral restrictions to interests purchased on terms generally available to the public; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. CASE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. DELAUNO, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WEXLER, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 1540. A bill to ensure greater accountability by licensed firearms dealers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. WYNN):

H.R. 1541. A bill to amend title 13, United States Code, to provide for a just apportionment of Representatives in Congress for all States; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. OWENS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mrs. LOWEY):

H.R. 1542. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to modify the terms of the community disaster loan program, to authorize assistance under that program for losses related to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. BAKER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MOORE, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas,